

Make the Road by Walking

The existential gauntlet is to make the shift fast enough to outrun [global cataclysm](#). The next five or six years will be the once-in-a-civilization window to change course. We can move from breakdown to breakthrough.

The Mayan people call this the “Time of No Time.” From here on, we’re on Earth time. Mother Earth is shaking to her core. It’s a time of madness, disconnection, and hyper-individualism.

It’s also a time when new energies are coming into the world -- when people are growing a new skin.

The Mayan vision says we in the West will find safe harbor only if we can journey past a wall of mirrors. The mirrors will drive us mad—unless we have a strong heart. Some mirrors delude us with an infinity of reflections of our vanity and shadows. Others paralyze us with our terror and rage, feeding an empire that manufactures our fear into resignation.

But the empire has no roots and it’s toppling all around us. In this time, everyone is called to take a stand. Everyone is called to be a leader.

To get beyond the wall of mirrors, the final challenge is to pass through a tiny door. To do this, we must make ourselves very, very small. To be very humble.

Then we must burrow down into the Earth, where indigenous consciousness lives. On the other side is a clear pond. There, for the first time, we’ll be able to see our true reflection.

In this Time of No Time, we can go in any direction we want—by dreaming it. Our dreaming can shift the course of the world.

Paradoxically, the crisis confronting us today is precisely the dream of our current civilization. That dream of endless growth, hyper-individualism and domination has turned into a nightmare. How do we dream our way out of a nightmare?

One way is to wake up. All over the world, people are awakening to a new dream.

We’re re-imagining a civilization in the Age of Nature that honors the web of life, each other and future generations. It’s a revolution from the heart of nature.

For decades, brilliant scientific and social innovators such as the [bioneers](#) have patiently been creating the shadow systems for how we live on Earth for the long haul. For the most part, the solutions are present, or we know what directions to head in.

It’s not that we need more solutions -- we need to rapidly spread and scale what we’ve already got. We need to mobilize at the scale we’ve previously done in times of war.

It's emergence in an emergency. *As the Talking Heads sang, "This ain't no party, this ain't no disco, this ain't no foolin' around."*

In 2012, two rude awakenings are releasing the floodgates of transformation.

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